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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.STATISTICS OF WOOL PRODUCTION, STOCKS, &C., 1927-28.

(Figures in parentheses refer to previous Season).

WOOL PRODUCTION, 1927-28 78,369,918 (72,365,200) lbs.
 Value £5,668,758 (£4,468,551)

On the 1st August last a preliminary estimate gave the grand total production as 77,711,921 lbs. subject to revision. The details have now been finalised bringing the total up to 78,369,918 (72,365,200) lbs., comprised as follows:- Wool Clip 67,570,937 (63,078,242) lbs., averaging 8.66 (8.67) lbs. per fleece sheep and lambs combined; Fellmongered 1,657,997 (971,883) lbs; Wool on skins exported 9,140,984 (8,315,075) lbs. The total wool production is valued at £5,668,757 (£4,468,551), the average value per lb. greasy being 17.36d. (14.82d.).

SHEEP FOR WOOL PRODUCTION, 1928-29. 7,400,000 (7,800,922).

Including the estimated Winter lambs marked, it is estimated that the flocks on June 30th or thereabouts numbered 7,900,000 and on the experience of previous seasons probably 7,400,000 will be shorn for the 1928-29 Season. These figures are arrived at as follows:- Total Sheep 31st December 1927 as per actual count 7,542,345, Winter Lambing 1,479,375. Total 9,021,720 less six months slaughtering and Mortality losses (drought, foxes, &c.) estimated respectively 600,000 and 350,000, and Net Interstate Exports 170,146, leaving a balance of 7,901,574.

WOOL LOCALLY USED 2,056,950 (1,516,729) lbs.

For the year ended June 30th 1928, 2,056,950 (1,516,729) lbs. of Wool in the grease were used in local factories.

STOCKS OF RAW MATERIAL, JUNE 30TH, 1928.

Stocks Held	Wool		Sheepskins with Wool on. No.
	Greasy lbs.	Scoured lbs.	
By Woollen Mills, Scourers, &c.	915,169 (1,711,474)	68,887 (271,572)	10,168 (53,607)
By Wool and Skin Merchants	2,436,799 (1,695,957)	18,411 (2,531)	133,093 (157,145)
Total	3,351,968 (3,407,431)	87,298 (274,103)	143,261 (210,752)

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